

Department of Medicine

Information Bulletin

June 26, 2020

Virtual Health

Headset and Webcam Requests

Did you know that AHS physicians can request devices to support Virtual Health, including webcams and USB headsets? If you would like to request a Virtual Health device, please complete the short [DoM Information for Virtual Health Device Distribution](#) form:

Note: Please do not complete the above form if you already have a Skype headset or webcam, or if you have already submitted a [Skype for Business Peripheral Request Form](#) (Excel).

Resources:

- [AHS Healthcare Professional Considerations in Virtual Care](#) (V3.0_20200528)
- [Virtual Health / Zoom Resources](#) (COVID-19 AHS Virtual Health website)
- [Operational Guide: Technology for Video Virtual Healthcare Delivery in Congregate Living Sites during COVID-19](#) (12 May 2020)
- [Operational Guide: Technology for Social Connection in Congregate Living Sites During COVID-19](#) (11 June 2020)
- [Virtual Health – Zoom Patient Information for Virtual Care](#)

AMHSP Individual Report (AIR) – Resources for AMHSP Physicians and Administrative Staff

AIR Deadline: 30 June 2020 (11:59 pm)

All AMHSP Members must complete an AMHSP Individual Report (AIR) for the 2020 Fiscal Year (1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020).

An **AIR walk-through video** has been created for Department of Medicine Physicians and Staff and can be viewed at: <https://connectmeeting.ucalgary.ca/p5brojhgqks/>. Please visit airhelpsite.ca for other AIR resources, including videos, manuals, and FAQs.

If you have any questions regarding how to complete your AIR, please contact facultyreporting.csm@ucalgary.ca or angela.hunter@ahs.ca.

Your Parking Choices Matter

As clinical activity continues to increase on site with the phased resumption of surgeries and ambulatory clinics, your parking choices matter even more with each passing day.

We are hearing more and more about patients and families having difficulties in finding a parking spot in time for them to attend appointments and scheduled treatments.

Staff and physicians are asked to please park in their designated parking lot in staff/physician stalls, in order to enable patients/visitors to easily park in public stalls.

We do not yet have an update as to when parking fees will be reinstated.

Your consideration is appreciated as we need to work together to ensure everyone can access the sites appropriately.

AHS Professional Development Funding

The [Professional Development Fund](#) supports a wide variety of educational opportunities – from post-secondary diplomas, degrees and certificates to conferences, workshops and group learning initiatives.

Questions on the funding programs? Join one of our [Professional Development Funding Guided Tour Sessions](#), available through [MyLearningLink](#).

The [Learning Navigator](#) is a tool to help you explore Your Learning, Your Way. Use the Navigator search function to explore all your AHS Employee and Leadership Development learning options.

- Post-Secondary Education Funding
 - This fund supports employee-directed certificates, diplomas and degrees at accredited post-secondary institutions. [Application Guide & Form](#)
 - Application Deadline: **28 August 2020**
- Conference & Workshop Funding
 - This fund supports employee-directed education such as conferences, workshops, seminars, specialty programs, and other short-term education. [Application Guide & Form](#)
 - Application period begins: 15 September 2020
 - Application Deadline: **First come, first served after September 15 until funds are fully allocated**
- Group Learning Initiatives Funding
 - This fund supports groups of employees hosting educational events for AHS staff. [Application Guide & Form](#)
 - Application period begins: 1 April 2020
 - Application Deadline: **First come, first served until funds are allocated**
- Health Care Aide Certificate Funding
 - This fund supports HCAs or employees in 'HCA-like' roles to achieve their HCA certification. [Application Guide & Form](#)
 - Application period begins: 1 April 2020
 - Application Deadline: **First come, first served until funds are fully allocated**

Please visit the [AHS Human Resources Professional Development Funding](#) website or contact professionaldevelopment.funding@ahs.ca for more information.

Upcoming Events

Canadian Multiculturalism Day

June 27

On November 13, 2002, the Government of Canada, by [Royal Proclamation](#), designated June 27 of each year as Canadian Multiculturalism Day.

Multiculturalism Day, in addition to [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) (June 21) and Saint-Jean Baptiste Day (June 24), is part of [Celebrate Canada](#), a week-long celebration of events culminating in Canada Day (July 1).

This significant day is an opportunity for Albertans to celebrate our province's rich cultural mosaic and recognize the valuable role Albertans from all backgrounds play in helping to build vibrant and prosperous communities that benefit everyone.

Multiculturalism Day is intended to encourage individuals to reflect on our shared commitment to democracy, equality and mutual respect. Albertans are reminded of the important role they can play in helping to promote mutual understanding and respect for Albertans of all backgrounds.

[Multiculturalism Day and Celebrate Canada \(Alberta Human Rights Commission\)](#)
[Virtual Canada Day Celebrations](#)

Office of Faculty Development & Performance (OFDP) Workshop

Teaching in the Clinical Setting

June 29 8:00 – 9:30 am [Register Here](#)

If you teach in the clinical setting then this workshop is for you! We will talk about some of the challenges of clinical teaching and practical approaches you can use. Come prepared to hear some great tips and share ideas!

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

1. Identify challenges of clinical teaching
2. Describe approaches to teaching in the clinical setting
3. Apply clinical teaching tips based on cognitive psychology principles
4. Practice clinical teaching strategies

NSERC Webinars

Discovery Grant Session

Join us on **June 30, 2020 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm** as panelists from the Schulich School of Engineering, Faculty of Science and Cumming School of Medicine discuss applications to the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Discovery Grant competition (Fall 2020). Panelists will cover the following topics: a general application overview, meaningfully incorporating equity diversity and inclusion and strategies for those who are reapplying after a negative decision. Presentations will be followed by an hour Q&A period.

Zoom Details: Everyone is welcome. To join this session, please email Danielle at by June 26th to register. You will receive the Zoom link and password on the 29th to join on the 30th.

Contact: [Danielle Demiantschuk](#)

How to submit a Notification of Intent to apply – Discovery Grants (DG) Program**Pre-Recorded Video:** [NOI Overview and Tips](#)**July 9 1:00 – 2:00 pm (ET)** [Link to Live Q&A](#)

Due to COVID-19, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) is replacing live webinars with pre-recorded videos followed by live Q&A sessions. This series is meant to assist the research community on how to complete an application using the Research Portal and the NSERC Canadian Common CV (CCV).

NSERC requests that the pre-recorded videos are viewed prior to attending a Q&A session. New Q&A session dates will be added as they become available. Consult the [NSERC Webinars page](#) regularly to learn about upcoming information sessions.

Contact: [Danielle Demiantschuk](#)

Knowledge Engagement Webinar**Introduction to Knowledge Engagement****July 8 10:30 – 11:30 am** [Register here](#)

Join the Knowledge Engagement (KE) team for a webinar and discussion about knowledge engagement on the UCalgary campus and beyond. Attendees will have the chance to learn about services and supports offered by the newly formed team in Research Services. Whether you're a researcher or a member of a community organization, we invite you to attend and learn about how the KE team can support you in achieving your research goals!

Visit the [Knowledge Engagement website](#) to explore the team's service offerings.

Presenters: UCalgary Knowledge Engagement Team: MacKinley Darlington, Alyse Pearce, Rand Al-Hashmy

Attendees must register in order to receive a Zoom URL

For any inquiries, please email knowledge.engagement@ucalgary.ca

COVID Corner Webinar**The COVID-19 Pandemic: A Test of System-Level Physician Wellness****July 15 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

This session is in partnership with Well Doc Alberta and the University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

Visit <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/cme/COVID-19-Resources/COVID-Corner> for more information and to register.

Recordings, handouts, and resources from previous COVID Corner webinars can be found at <https://ecme.ucalgary.ca/covid-19-cme-resources/covid-corner/>

RMS Pre-Award Training Sessions

In preparation for the fall grant season, pre-award RMS training sessions will continue to be held on Thursdays from May through September.

Given that there will be a number of competitions opening soon that will be administered through RMS, **it is strongly advised that you enroll in a remote training session if you have not already done so.** We also encourage you to sign up early, as spots are limited and we anticipate an increase in RMS users in the coming weeks.

If you would like to attend one of the training sessions below, please email rms@ucalgary.ca with the date of the session in the subject line.

Morning sessions (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

- July 16
- August 13
- September 10

Afternoon sessions (2 - 4 p.m.)

- July 2
- July 30
- August 27
- September 24

Self-guided training documents are also available on the [RMS website](#). If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, please contact rms@ucalgary.ca to arrange training.

Research Office

Delay of CIHR Strategic Funding Opportunities

The following CIHR Strategic Funding competitions have been delayed and had their placeholder dates revised to December 31, 2021:

- [Team Grant: Diabetes Mechanisms and Translational Solution](#)
- [Planning and Dissemination Grants \(Winter 2020\)](#)
- [Team Grant: Preparation to Trial: Inflammation for Chronic Conditions](#)
- [Operating Grant: Early Career Investigator Grants in Maternal, Reproductive, Child & Youth Health \(2020\)](#)
- [Standardization Platform on Age and Sex as Biological Variables](#)
- [Team Grant: Personalized Health](#)
- [Catalyst Grant: Cannabis and Mental Health](#)

** Please note that due to their delayed application deadlines these above competitions will now run through the [Research Management System](#) (RMS).*

CIHR recognizes that all aspects of the health research ecosystem are under tremendous stress and is working to determine a time frame for these strategic Funding Opportunities (FOs) to move forward. The FO delivery timelines will be staggered, as they depend on financial and human resources.

CIHR would like to share the following information:

- Delayed FOs will remain available on ResearchNet, including all applications that were in progress and submitted, but with a new placeholder date of December 31, 2021. Please note that CIHR has selected a date well into the future so that it does not have to be revised until **the actual date (which is expected to be earlier)** is determined.

- As competition timelines are confirmed, **applicants will be provided with at least two months advance notice** to allow them to prepare their applications. Applicants will be able to:
 - work on a previously started application(s);
 - review and edit their previously submitted application(s) prior to resubmitting;
 - withdraw their previously submitted application(s); and
 - start a new application(s).
- Please note that FOs that do not have a placeholder date of December 31, 2021 will move forward according to posted timelines. New FOs will also be launched (e.g., the Fall 2020 Project Grant competition).


CIHR will contact all those with an open application in ResearchNet to inform them of these delays. The full message is available on [CIHR's website](#).

CSM Service Centers – Annual Authorization Forms (AAF)

The Annual Authorization Forms (AAF) for the following CSM Service Centers need to be renewed for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021, by **deadline July 15, 2020**:

1. Centre for Health Genomics (CHGI) – includes Sanger Sequencing, formally under UCDNA
2. Flow Cytometry Services (FLOW)
3. Heritage Medical Research Clinic (HMRC)
4. Health Sciences Animal Resources Centre (HSARC)
5. Southern Alberta Mass Spectrometry Facility (SAMS)

If you use the service of any of the above mentioned centers, please:

- access the [online AAF form](#) (enter UCalgary login and password)
- click on “New” 
- fill in the required information for the relevant service centre

HSARC Users – note that if animal fees are charged to the account provided, then you also need to fill in the Animal Care Certificate / Protocol number associated with the account.

Each centre must have an AAF on file for you to receive services.

Price lists for 2020-2021 are available on the site for consultation.

If you have any questions, please contact the Service Centers directly using the e-mail provided under **Contacts** on the site.

Remember – no form, no service.

DOM COVID-19 Research Opportunities

[Canadian Treatment of COVID-19 Trial \(CATCO\) / WHO Solidarity Trial](#)

(ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04330690)

- Antiviral treatment trial available for any adult patient admitted with COVID-19 illness to Calgary Adult hospital sites. Please **page 01815** during daytime hours 7 days a week if your patient is agreeable to be contacted by our team to get more information about enrolling.

COVID & SGLT2-i Study (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04350593)

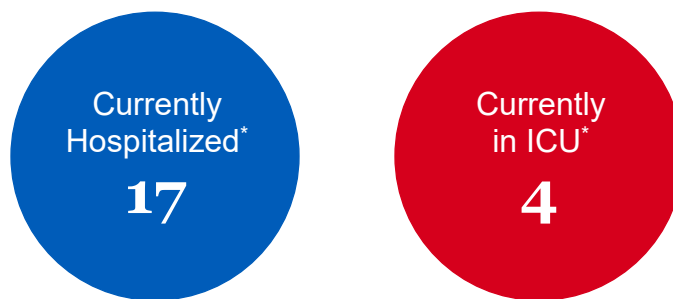
- The [Dapagliflozin in Respiratory Failure in Patients With COVID-19](#) clinical trial is looking for potential collaborators in the Department of Medicine. If you are interested in collaborating on this trial, please contact Sofia Ahmed at sofia.ahmed@ahs.ca.

Are you a Department of Medicine member looking to enrol patients or health care workers in your COVID-19 Research Project? If so, please complete this [short online form!](#)

CIHR Institute Advisory Boards (IABs) – 2020 Membership Renewal Cycle

CIHR has launched the 2020 IAB membership renewal cycle, and a number of CIHR Institutes are looking for new members to fill gaps on their IABs. Submit your web [application form](#) by July 6, 2020 to be considered for the 2020 cycle.

Please visit <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/18156.html> for more information and a list of CIHR Institutes looking for new IAB members.

Calgary Zone COVID Case Report – June 25, 2020**Calgary Zone Capacity Assessment – June 25, 2020***

Urban Inpatient Sites	Current Hospitalization	Currently in ICU
ACH	0	0
FMC	7	1
PLC	2	1
RGH	5	2
SHC	3	0

Calgary Zone Historic Summary (previous 5 days)*

	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24
# COVID+ admitted	21	20	19	17	17
Total ICU Cases	2	3	3	3	5

* Data from [Provincial COVID 19 Hospitalizations: Daily Census Counts Tableau Database](#) updated to: 2020-06-25 11:59 pm

MEOC Update: Important COVID-19 Resources and Information

Visit AHS' **COVID-19** page for the latest updates and accurate information: ahs.ca/covid

AHS COVID-19 Staff & Physician Resources

[Healthcare Worker / Staff Q&A novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) (23 June 2020)

[Understanding Visitor Restrictions Quick Reference](#) (Update posted 22 June 2020)

[COVID-19 Screening and Management of Obstetrical Patients and Essential Support Persons](#) (15 June 2020)

[COVID-19 Testing and Medical Care in Patients with IBD](#) (18 June 2020)

Alberta Precision Laboratories

[Laboratory Bulletin: Serology Testing for COVID-19](#) (24 June 2020)

N95 Fit Testing

Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) is noticing a decrease in attendance at fit test sessions. **It is critical that staff who require a fit test according to the [Who Needs an N95 Respirator Algorithm](#) are in fact fit tested to the 3M8210N, 3M8110s, or 3M1804 models as inventory of other models decreases.**

AHS will be moving from the **3M1870+ and 3M9105** N95 respirator models to the **3M8210N, 3M8110S** and the **3M1804** models.

Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) is working through a fit testing strategy prioritizing areas that perform aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMPs). Once these areas are successfully Fit Tested, all other areas will follow until the conversion is complete.

Based on supply the strategy is to fit test to:

- Option 1 – 3M8210N
- Option 2 – 3M8110S
- Option 3 – 3M1804

If there are AHS employees fit tested to the 3M1870+ or 3M9105 respirator who require immediate fit testing, please contact your local WHS advisor or fit test designate for your area.

Infection, Prevention & Control

[Handling, Cleaning and Disinfecting Mobile DI Devices](#) (Updated 23 June 2020)

Patient & Family Virtual Visitation:

- [Virtual Visitation FAQ](#) (5 June 2020)
- Cleaning
 - [Cleaning and Disinfecting iPads](#) (5 May 2020)
 - [Deep Cleaning the iPad](#) (5 May 2020)
- iPads
 - [Connecting Audio Accessories to iPads](#) (5 May 2020)
 - [Evaluation and Redeployment of Non-IT iPads Process](#) (5 June 2020)
 - [iPad Principles for Usage and Deployment of Devices for Virtual Visitors](#) (24 April 2020)
 - [iPad use and Restrictions for Virtual Visitations](#) (5 June 2020)
 - [Requesting a Device for Patient-Family Virtual Visitation](#) (20 April 2020)
 - [Reset and Activate iPad](#) (24 April 2020)

- [Return of Virtual Visitation iPads](#) (12 June 2020)
- [Securing and Charging the iPad](#) (23 April 2020)
- [Staff User Guide for Patient-Family Virtual Visitation \(iPads\)](#) (5 May 2020)
- [Virtual Visitation iPads Memo](#) (5 June 2020)
- Other
 - [Connecting to Healthspot](#) (30 April 2020)
 - [Staff Workflow for Patient-Family Virtual Visitation](#) (5 May 2020)
 - [Terms and Conditions for the Use of AHS Device for Virtual Visitation](#) (23 April 2020)
 - [Zoom Guide for Patient-Family Virtual Visitation](#) (27 April 2020)

Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) Rapid Reviews

[Safety and Effectiveness of Video Laryngoscopy](#) (17 June 2020)

[Risk Prediction Tools in Community](#) (15 June 2020)

Sunrise Clinical Manager (SCM)

COVID-19 Order Sets:

- [COVID-19 Adult Admission Order Set](#) (Form 21614(Rev2020-05)) Print on Demand
- [COVID-19 Admission Adult Order Set](#) (12 June 2020) Reference Only
- [COVID-19 Long Term Care & Supportive Living Medical Management Adult Order Set](#) (22 June 2020) Reference Only

Completed COVID service? Please give us [feedback](#) on your experience!

Fit for Work

Fit for Work: [Online Questionnaire](#)

Fit for Work: [Protocols](#) | [Questionnaire](#)

Fit for Work: [Screening Implementation Guide](#)

Poster: [Fit for Work Screening](#)

Poster: [Fit for Work Online Screening Tool](#)

Poster: [Welcome to Work](#)

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Happy Pride

Learn more about AHS workforce resource groups and how you can be [Proud Together](#) as a member or ally of the LGBTQ2S+ communities.